



Trustees' Annual Report for the period
from 23rd October 2023 to 22nd October 2024

Charity name: Evelyn's Gift CIO

Charity registration number: 1165015

Evelyn's Gift was registered as a CIO in January 2016. Our work is in memory of 7-year-old Evelyn Mary Smith, who died suddenly and unexpectedly in 2013. We carry out a diverse range of projects and provide individual acts of kindness for people in need. We promote CPR life saving skills training in the community provided by Warwickshire Hearts.

Objectives and Activities

We have two objectives:

- (1) To preserve and protect good health by the provision of emergency life support training through schools and councils in Warwickshire.
- (2) Such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

The public benefits from purpose (1) are evidenced by research from the Resuscitation Council that shows that training in the community improves survival rates from community cardiac arrests. Training sessions for CPR/ AED have been delivered by the charity Warwickshire Hearts, with a small number organised by Evelyn's Gift. Evelyn's Gift organised Warwickshire Hearts training sessions for the public at a restaurant and, as part of Restart a Heart Day, a school. Since the project began, more than ten thousand people have been trained in South Warwickshire. This work did not require any financial support from Evelyn's Gift.

The majority of our work during this period has been in the area of acts of kindness for people in need for a variety of reasons, including bereavement, serious health problems, poverty, addiction, abuse or homelessness. This work applies to objective (2), and the majority of this work has been across Warwickshire, with a small number of cases in other counties in the Midlands of England. We have received requests for support from sources that include Warwickshire County Council Children's Services and Care Leaver teams, charities supporting families with children with serious illness, community nursing teams, hospices, community centres and schools.

We fund a bereavement group for parents when their child has died, run by Warwickshire Therapy, as a mutual support network. We provide bereavement support resource packs for families and schools, aimed at primary-aged children.

For individuals we are providing a direct benefit through objective (2) by enhancing quality of life and physical and mental wellbeing. Many of the items we provide are essential for a reasonable standard of living. We receive regular feedback from health, social care and education professionals about the direct impact on children, young people and adults.

The Parents' Bereavement Group and bereavement support packs have facilitated support for bereaved people and feedback from parents, schools and other organisations shows that these projects improving outcomes for bereaved people.

Objective (2) provides the public benefit of enhancing the community by facilitating community support for local people that are in crisis or vulnerable.

Decision Making Policy

Regular projects, such as bereavement support packs and toiletries for vulnerable people, do not require trustee approval. Projects using restricted funds are reported to the trustees to ensure that the fund is being used as intended.

New projects and requests for individual support over £100 are shared electronically with the trustees if they are considered to meet our objectives. The trustees also have access to the accounts and financial status. A minimum of three trustees, in addition to the proposer, are required before the request can be approved and actioned.

All decisions are made by the trustees with consideration of the public benefit and the charity's objectives.

Structure, Governance and Management

Evelyn's Gift is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by constitution.

There are twelve trustees, which is the maximum number. Four of the trustees are related to one another because the charity is in memory of Evelyn Smith. The remaining trustees have a variety of skills in other areas and were all appointed by proposal and approval by existing trustees.

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Additional information
Helen M C Smith	Chair	Also trustee of Lapworth Group Riding for the Disabled Incorporating Carriage Driving (CIO)
Trevor Smith	Treasurer	Husband of Chair
Edward Smith		Son of Chair
Kate M Pelling		Sister of Chair
Guy A P King	Secretary	
Jan Grewal		Also trustee of Barford St Peter's School Trust
Tracy Kewley		Additional bank account holder – unrelated to Treasurer and chair
Donna Marie Arnold-Kelly		
Elizabeth N Jackson		
Alan Coope		
Caroline J Beresford-Ruck		
Kathryn Pepper		



Introduction

This year saw a continuation of growth in demand, which is predominantly due to an increase in awareness of our work amongst professionals within social services and health care. This has led to a level of expenditure of more than £10,000 above our income for the period. However, there was a significant fund of £34,780 carried over from the previous year, so the trustees agreed that some of this reserve would be spent during the year, before further grant applications are submitted. The charity does not need to hold reserves of more than £3,000 as per policy, because the charity does not have paid staff or large fixed costs.

The level of activity was high in the area of our acts of kindness. These referrals come from social workers, other charities and non-profit organisations, health professionals, education professionals and hospices. Each case is considered by the trustees, and we support these by purchasing goods or services that are provided through the professional that has made the referral.

1 CPR/AED Training

The CPR and Defibrillator training programme was originally started by a collaboration with Waterside Medical Centre, and later Warwick District Community First Responders. This led to the formation of Warwickshire Hearts, which incorporated free training as part of their work. The ambulance First Responders continue to deliver the training, including sharing our experience as a means of encouraging people to take up the offer. Working together, over 10,000 people have received training in South Warwickshire, and we are very grateful to the Warwickshire Hearts team for this vital, life-saving work.

During this financial period there was no cost to Evelyn's Gift for the training. We organised training at a restaurant for the public, and for parents at a primary school. The sessions were very well attended and received excellent feedback. We are very grateful to Warwickshire Hearts for delivering these sessions as part of our shared objective to train local people to improve survival rates from community cardiac arrest.

2 Project Summary

Project		
Acts of kindness	Ongoing	73 cases were completed, examples include school shoes, a food blender for a tube fed child, adapted clothing, storage furniture to improve wheelchair access, dog therapy for anxiety, accommodation for parents to be near a funeral director before a funeral, accommodation for parents to be near their child during hospital treatment.
Norma Wilson's Christmas hampers for young people leaving/ have left care	Annual Christmas project	We purchased 200 boxes of biscuits to support Norma's hampers for care leavers living independently. Warwickshire Search and Rescue volunteers collected food with us from Procure4 Ltd, Puddleducks and Posh nursery and donations at Morrisons, and delivered to Norma in November, ready for distribution in December by social services to young people.
Bereavement Support resources	Ongoing	We sent out an estimated 55 bereavement support packs across Warwickshire, plus additional copies of books for schools in North Warwickshire. We spent all of the restricted funds for this project from the Co-op Fund
Bereavement Group	Ongoing	We fund this group run by Warwickshire Therapy, with additional private sessions for people that need 1-2-1 support, particularly those recently bereaved. This vital work was partly funded from the Tesco Blue Token Scheme and St James' Place Foundation.
Other bereavement support	Ongoing	Our policy is to fund silver fingerprint memorial jewellery for parents when a child dies, or for a child when they have experienced a significant loss, such as a parent or sibling. There has been a substantial increase in requests because of our connection to a children's hospice that covers Warwickshire, Worcestershire and other areas of the Midlands. We also funded some funeral and memorial costs for bereaved families, including interment at a natural burial ground and memorial trees. We replaced 4 watering cans at Warwick cemetery so that grieving families can tend the graves of their loved ones more easily.

Warwickshire Children's Services	Ongoing	<p>We are members of the Child Friendly Warwickshire initiative. We supplied Care Leaver Home Boxes for young people setting up home independently. New home packs also went to young people going to university, with the addition of food items and student recipe books.</p> <p>We used funding from Think Active to create mental health support boxes, including information and items to help with stress.</p> <p>We funded pantomime tickets for children that were in separate care settings from their siblings as part of our work to facilitate siblings' events. We provided toys and chocolate for WCC Children's Services events.</p>
PAC school essentials packs	Complete	We provided packs of stationery and calculators for both primary and secondary school students visiting the Packmores Community Centre for their second-hand uniform events and foodbank. This was part funded by the Rotary Club of Warwick.
Safeline	Ongoing	We provided art materials for Safeline's art therapy rooms, toiletries for survivors of abuse and items to support people in court or being interviewed, such as stress balls.
FMAT Duke of Edinburgh	Complete	Using allocated funds from a foundation grant, we funded a Duke of Edinburgh project for young people at Fairfax Multi Academy Trust.
Hospices		We funded new seating for the garden areas at Myton, Coventry, carried out some painting and planting work at Myton, Warwick and provided toiletries for people at the hospices.
Be Happy Day	Annual	<p>1st December is Evelyn's Birthday, and we ask people to carry out acts of kindness. Alex Pearson from Morrisons walked eighteen miles to raise £1,302, including fund matching by the Morrisons Foundation. Alex arranged for us to see the Warwick Castle light walk, and for the castle to be lit in purple for Evelyn's Gift.</p> <p>We lit candles for children and young people that have died, which we do each year in St. Mary's Church in Warwick. This was kindly recorded as a film by Highway Productions for parents that could not attend.</p>

3 Fundraising and support

A total of £34,780 was carried over from the previous year, of which £1,495 was restricted funding.

3.1 Income

Donation sources are summarised in figure1.

Our income came for a variety of sources, with the largest area being other charities and foundations. We were voted as charity of the year 2023 for the St James' Place Foundation which gave us a grant of £10,000. Other grants awarded to us were from the Morrison's Foundation fundmatching for Alex's fundraising, the EW trust for Children's Services and Birmingham schools, Leamington and Warwick Football League, Kenilworth Runners from the Two Castles run, a restricted fund from Warwick Rotary Club, Wellesbourne Lions' Santa collection and three restricted grants from Think Active for WCC Children's Services. The total income in this category was £16,627, including £1,927 of restricted funding.

£5,308 came from online platforms such as Paypal Giving, Go Fund Me, Facebook, Just Giving and Wonderful.org, including donations to Morrisons Community Champion Alex Pearson's sponsored walk for Evelyn's birthday and Facebook birthday fundraising campaigns.

We received donations from businesses that supported us, including a book sale and tombola at Tesco, a restricted fund from Tesco Blue Token Scheme, a restricted fund from Co op funeral care for bereavement packs and a pub quiz at the Hope and Anchor in Leamington.

We received £2,892 from other events organised by other individuals and organisations: an Open Gardens in Barford, a golf day, and a summer fair at Berkeley Care homes.

Individual donations of £1,730 were made, including a restricted donation to support a family at Acorns Hospice, and £477 was claimed in Gift Aid including Gift Aid from donations in our previous financial period.

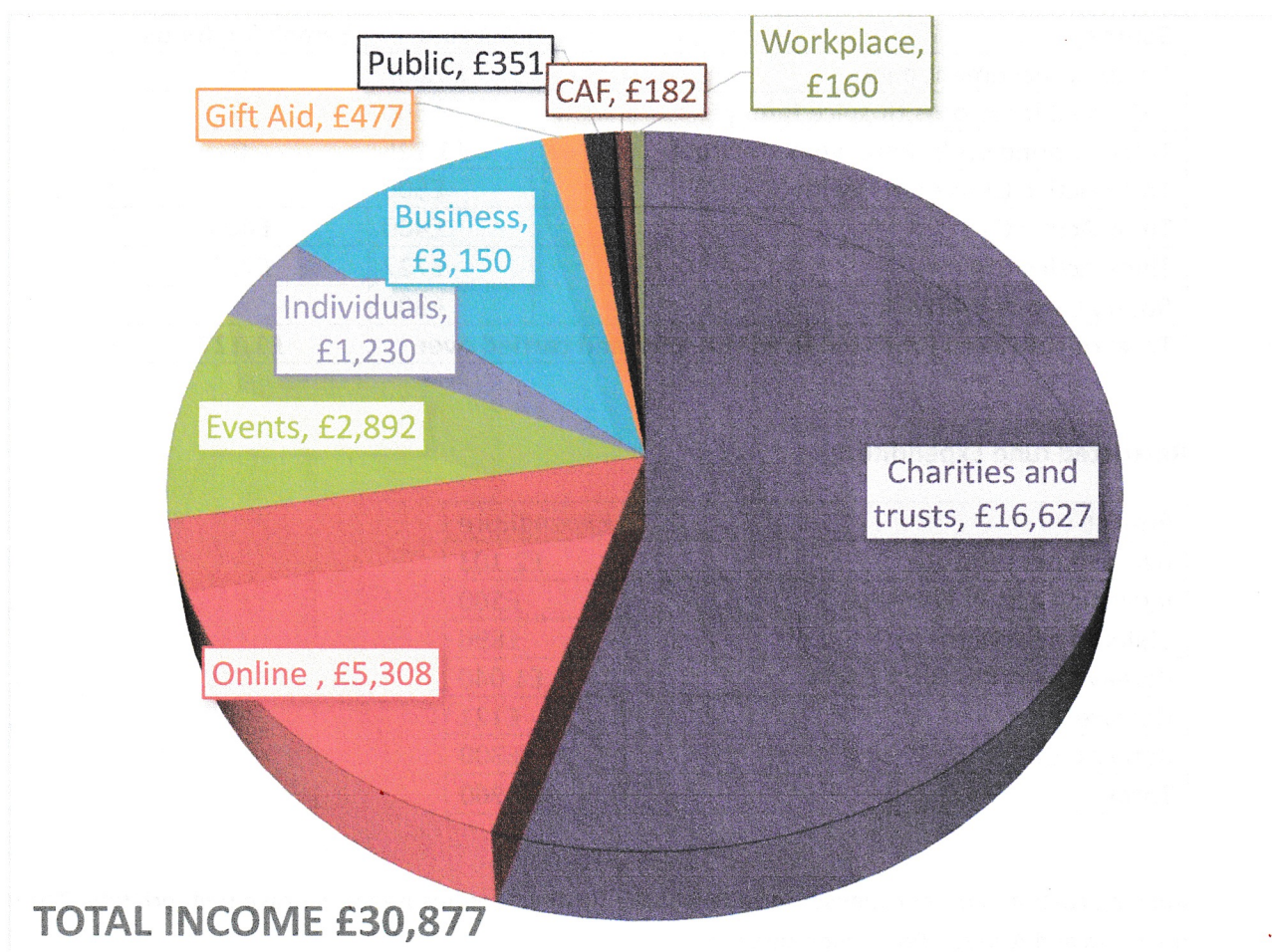


Figure 1 Income 2023 -2024

4 Expenditure

4.1 Restricted funds

Restricted funds of £1495 were carried over from the year ending 22nd Oct 2023.

Source	Amount	Project	Balance to be carried over
St James' Place	£978	Bereavement Group	0
EW Trust	£396	Children's Services	0
Rooted in our Community	£121.00	Allotment	0
Total Restricted fund brought forward from funds to end 2023			£1,495

Restricted funds received between 23/10/2023 and Oct 22/10/2024

Source	Amount	Remaining funds
Co op Bereavement packs	£1,039	0
Individual for Acorns Hospice family	£500	0
Tesco Groundworks Bereavement Group	£1.125	0
Think Active CS Mental Health	£500	0
Think Active CS 3	£400	£400
Think Active CS4	£727	£727
Rotary Club of Warwick	£300	0
Total of restricted funds received this year and carried over		£1,127

Restricted fund Expenditure

Project	Expenditure
Bereavement Group	£2,103
Individual acts of kindness	£500
Children's Services	£896
Bereavement Resource packs	£1,040
Hospice	£121
Rotary Club	£300
Total	£4,960

Running costs and other expenses include website hosting fees, insurance, storage unit, printing, Zoom meetings and Amazon Prime membership.

Total expenditure for the year was £ 40,686, shown in figure 2

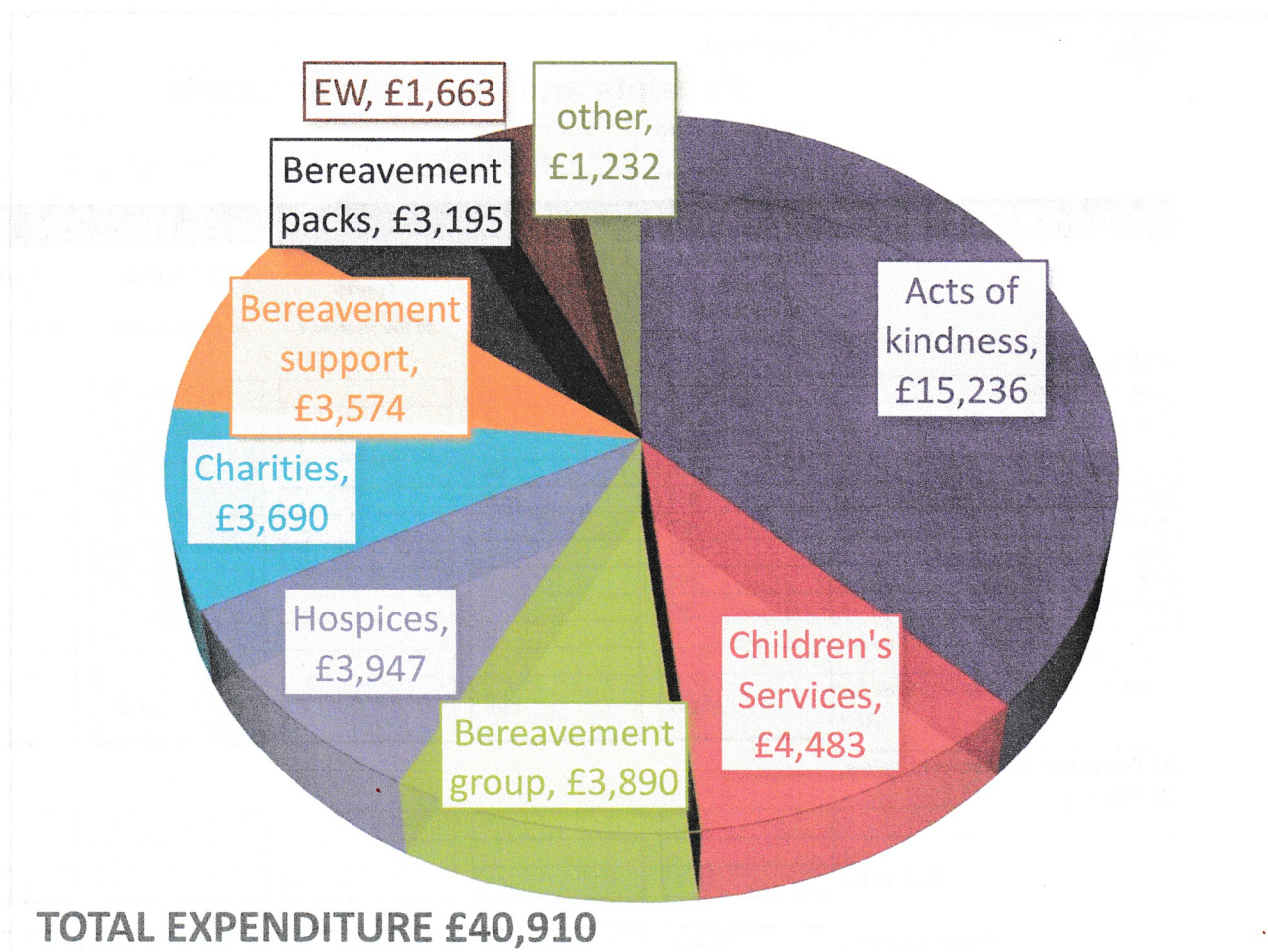


Figure 2 Expenditure 2023-2024

5 Summary of activity 23/10/22– 22/10/23

Carried over from 2023	Income	Expenditure	Carried over to 2024/25
£34,780	£30,877	£40,910	£24,747

Bank Accounts carried over

Santander unrestricted	£23,584.22
Santander restricted	£1,127
Santander total	£24,711.92
Cash	£35.45

Total carried over £24,746.67



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Evelyn's Gift

No (if any)
1185015

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
23/10/2023

To

Period end date
22/10/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charities and trusts	14,700	1,927	-	16,627	17,586
Online	5,308	-	-	5,308	11,461
Events	2,892	-	-	2,892	5,146
Individuals	1,230	500	-	1,730	2,620
Business	986	2,165	-	3,150	6,413
HMRC GiftAid	477	-	-	477	192
Public collections	351	-	-	351	
CAF	182	-	-	182	
workplace	160	-	-	160	
School	-	-	-	-	18,408
local authority	-	-	-	-	500
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,285	4,592	-	30,877	62,326
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,285	4,592	-	30,877	62,326
A3 Payments					
Acts of Kindness	14,736	500	-	15,236	7,188
Children's Services	3,983	500	-	4,483	6,039
Parents' Bereavement Group	1,787	2,103	-	3,890	4,650
Hospices	3,826	121	-	3,947	293
Charities	3,390	300	-	3,690	2,437
Bereavement Support	3,574	-	-	3,574	1,826
Bereavement Support Packs	2,155	1,040	-	3,195	7,973
EW FMAT and young people	1,267	396	-	1,663	3,671
Other	1,232		-	1,232	1,833
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	35,950	4,960	-	40,910	35,910
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,950	4,960	-	40,910	35,910
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,665	- 368	-	- 10,033	26,416
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,285	1,495	-	34,780	8,364
Cash funds this year end	23,620	1,127	-	24,747	34,780

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	23,584	1,127	-
	Cash	35	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds		23,620	1,127
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Trevor Smith	TREVOR SMITH	26-11-2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Evelyn's Gift

On accounts for the year
ended

22/10/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1165015

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 22/10/2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

John R. Plumb

Date:

9-12-2024

Name:

John R. Plumb

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Qualified as a chartered accountant
in 1973 - 2006

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.